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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 16 September 2009.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Simonson, Fisher and Storz.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner clarified the previous office action, stating Simonson can be a 102 for several of the independent claims, and Fisher and Storz are a 103 for the other claims. In order to overcome the previous rejection/art the examiner suggested adding the threads at the distal tip and/or adding the structure that is seen in the current application in Fig. 2, element 156b. The examiner will update the search upon receiving a response.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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